

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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1. An apparatus for video on demand programs comprising:
 - a receiver to receive requests for video on demand programs;
 - a network manager, connected to said receiver, to process said program requests; and
 - an authorization component, connected to said network manager, to transmit a first authorization code;
 - a file server, coupled to said network manager, receives said first authorization code, wherein said file server spools said requested program or downloads a second authorization code.
 2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said network manager comprises a processor, connected to an instruction memory, to process said program requests.
 3. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein said processor comprises control software to compile, group or count said program requests.
 4. The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said file server comprises process software to deliver or authorize to receive at least one requested program.
 5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said file server comprises process software to deliver or authorize to receive at least one requested program.
 6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said requested program is stored in the file server in MPEG format.
 7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said requests for video on demand programs are received from set top terminals.

1 8. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said authorization component
2 is connected to said network manager by an interface.

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4 9. An apparatus for delivering video on demand programs to set top terminals
5 comprising:

6 (a) a receiver to receive requests for video on demand programs from the set top
7 terminals;

8 (b) a network manager, connected to said receiver, comprising:

9 a processor to process said program requests, wherein said processor includes an
10 instruction memory and said processor comprises control software to compile, group or
11 count said program requests;

12 (c) an authorization component, connected to said network manager by an interface, to
13 transmit a first authorization code; and

14 (d) a file server, connected to said network manager, to receive said first authorization
15 code, wherein said file server spools said requested program or downloads a second authorization
16 code.

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18 10. An apparatus for video on demand programs comprising:

19 an authorization component to receive requests for video on demand programs;

20 an interface connected to said authorization component;

21 a network manager, connected to said interface, to process said program requests; and

22 a file server, connected to said authorization component, to receive a first authorization
23 code, and to spool said requested program or to download a second authorization code.

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25 11. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said network manager
26 comprises:

27 a processor, connected to an instruction memory, to process said program requests.
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1 12. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said processor comprises control software to
2 compile, group or count said program requests.

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4 13. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said requests for video on demand programs
5 are received from set top terminals.

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7 14. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said file server comprises process software
8 to deliver or authorize to receive at least one requested program.

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10 15. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said file server comprises process software
11 to deliver or authorize to receive at least one requested program.

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13 16. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said requested program is
14 stored in the file server in MPEG format.

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16 17. An apparatus for delivering video on demand programs to set top terminals
17 comprising:

18 an authorization component to receive requests for video on demand programs from the
19 set top terminals;

20 an interface connected to said authorization component;

21 a network manager, connected to said interface, comprising:

22 a processor to process said program requests, wherein said processor includes an
23 instruction memory, and said processor comprises control software to compile, group or count
24 said program requests; and

25 a file server, connected to said authorization component, to receive a first authorization
26 code and to spool said requested program or download a second authorization code.

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28 18. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said requested program is digital.
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1 19. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said requested program is stored in the file
2 server in MPEG code.

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4 20. A method for delivering video on demand programming comprising the steps of:

5 a) receiving a request for a video on demand program from a set top terminal;

6 b) processing at least one received request;

7 c) sending a first authorization code to a file server;

8 d) spooling said requested program from said file server; and

9 e) authorizing viewing or delivering of said requested program.

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11 21. The method of claim 20 wherein the step of processing further comprising:

12 a) counting a period of time;

13 b) receiving additional requests until said period of time expires; and

14 c) authorizing viewing or delivering of said requested program after said period of time

15 ~~expires~~

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17 22. The method of claim 20, wherein said step of authorizing further comprising
18 downloading an authorization code.

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20 23. The method of claim 20, wherein said step of authorizing further comprising
21 authorizing viewing of previews.

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23 24. The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of:

24 a) compiling, grouping or counting all said program requests.

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